



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AF  
17 SS  
Jew

In re application of

PEUCHERT, Ulrich : Group Art Unit.: 1755

Serial No.: 10/024,498 : Examiner: BOLDEN, Elizabeth A.

Filed: December 21, 2001

Title: ALKALI-FREE ALUMINOBOROSILICATE GLASSES AND USES THEREOF

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY**

**BOX: After Final**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Further to the Advisory Action dated May 21, 2004, and in response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

09/30/2004 FALLEN 00000001 133402 10024498  
01 FC:1253 530.00 DA

### REMARKS

The current amendment ignores the previous amendments submitted with the Reply dated May 3, 2004, because those amendments were not entered.

The Advisory Action alleges that the negative limitation of the component TiO<sub>2</sub> is a new issue in claims 67 and 68. Applicants respectfully disagree. These claims were rewritten in independent form as they were noted allowable. These claims were dependent on claims 55 and 56, respectively. Both claims 55 and 56 contain the negative limitation on TiO<sub>2</sub>. Amended claims 67 and 68 use the same language that was used in the claims they depended from. Nothing new was added to these claims.

There is however an error in claims 63 to 68 made by applicants. As previously amended, they did not recite the feature that the glass "does not contain SnO<sub>2</sub> or ZrO<sub>2</sub>," which was a feature of these claims before they were rewritten in independent form. Correction is made at this time. Previously, the tables were also incorrectly copied from the claims these claims depended from, e.g., SnO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> were removed inadvertently from some of these tables. This is the reason for the allegation in the Office Action that it is unclear in claims 63 to 68 whether or not "SnO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub>" were intended to be included. The new tables recite both SnO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> as they were recited in the claims these claims depended from, and the amendment clarifies that at most one of these is present in any specific glass, e.g., by stating that the glass "does not contain SnO<sub>2</sub> or ZrO<sub>2</sub>."

Entry of these amendments and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. The amendments discussed above in effect accomplish rewriting in independent form claims that were previously noted allowable. No new matter or issue is presented.

Applicants request that if any further issues remain, that the Examiner contact counsel at the telephone number indicated below to resolve such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Csaba Henter, Reg. No. 50,908  
Anthony J. Zelano, Reg. No. 27,969  
Attorneys for Applicants

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.  
Arlington Courthouse Plaza I  
2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1400  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Direct Dial: 703-812-5331  
Facsimile: 703-243-6410

Filed: May 27, 2004

AJZ/CH/(pdr)K:SGW/115REPLY 2 MAY 2004.DOC